FOOD PURCHASE PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES

Constraints and Possibilities for Producers Organizations
Philippine Food Purchase Program

- School Feeding Program
- NFA rice procurement
- LGU Initiatives (e.g., Isabela)
School-based Feeding Program

534,000 school children = 32 euros per child
DepEd Guidelines on canteen operations

- NO JUNK
- YES TO nutrient-rich foods
National Food Authority (NFA) PROCUREMENT

- BUYS primarily TO STABILIZE PRICE OF STAPLES (RICE and Corn)
- Very few farmers sell; TRADERS dominate
LGU Initiatives

- ISABELA during Governor Padaca’s Administration: *bought rice 2-3 pesos higher than prevailing price; Feeding program c/o LGUs*
Constraints

- LEGAL ENVIRONMENT
- BUREAUCRACY
- PRODUCERS ORGANIZATIONS’ CAPACITY
LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

1. IMPROVED CHILDREN'S HEALTH
Over INCREASED FARMERS' INCOME

2. Rice over other products
BUREAUCRACY

- VESTED INTERESTS over FARMERS Organizations
- BUDGET for cheap rice over nutritious healthy organic brown rice
- AUDIT to favour established bidders
PAKISAMA/FO CAPACITY

- VOLUME

- PRODUCT

- LOGISTICS
Possibilities

- LEGISLATIVE BILL
- EXECUTIVE: DEP ED and DSWD
- CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
LEGISLATIVE

- ALLIES in Congress
- NATURE OF PROPOSED BILL: non-contentious
- TIMELINESS: IYFF moment
EXECUTIVE

- ALLIES
- FUNDING
- IYFF as MOMENT
FO CAPACITY BUILDING

- PILOTING
- LINKAGES
- LEADERSHIP
Thank you